

DEATH IN MARRIAGE.

Wayler Scott Shot Down By His Father-in-Law.

FICTION BEGGARED BY FACTS

Story of Parents Who Opposed Their Daughter's Love.

PLACED HER IN AN INSANE ASYLUM.

She Escaped and After Two Years Married Scott—Their Bliss Was Short-Lived.

Des Moines, Ia., December 24.—Wayler Scott, a young business man, and Miss Clara Dawson were married at 3 o'clock this afternoon by a justice of the peace.

Scott went from the office of that justice to the home of his father, S. M. Dawson, who had died before the marriage.

Nearly two years ago Scott and the girl met and the friendship ripened into love. The girl's father forbade them to see each other. But as they persisted he took the girl before the insanity commission and gave testimony on the strength of which she was found insane and sent to the asylum.

Scott took steps to secure her release and at last succeeded in proving that she was sane. She was released and her father, still bent on preventing the marriage, took her to Chicago and placed her in a convent. For some time she was unable to get away from Scott, but at last got a letter to him.

He went to Chicago and induced the management of the institution to release the girl. Then her father took her somewhere in Ohio and placed her in a private school. She escaped and was away from them and her father brought her back to Keokuk and placed her in the charge of friends. Scott went to Keokuk to secure her release and was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Dawson, charging him with sending letters to the girl.

Scott, however, was released, but the girl then declared to friends that she would not marry him till her parents were willing.

He met her from time to time and yesterday she sent him a note saying she was ready to run away and be married. They were married on December 24, and after Scott went to town to get some books and jewelry his wife wanted. He took an officer with him.

Dawson refused to give them what they demanded and as they were leaving the house drew a revolver and shot Scott. He fired four times and three of the balls took effect, killing Scott. Dawson was arrested.

WHITECAPERS ON THE MOVE.

Neogres Whipped and Others Ordered To Leave.

Nashville, Tenn., December 24.—(Special)—There is considerable excitement in Marshall county over the doings of a band of about fifteen masked riders or white caps. Saturday night they went to the plantations of Ed Fowler, S. J. Murrell and Dave Lim and whipped one negro on each plantation, and then rode off to other negroes living on large farms that they must leave within ten days. These outrages are condemned by the people, and plantation owners have decided to aid them and assist in their protection.

ATTEMPTED ASSAULT.

The Girl's Father Rescued Her and Killed the Brute.

St. Louis, Mo., December 24.—Henry Larson, a tramp, entered the house of Constable Hanson, at Pine Lawn, a suburb, last night and attempted to assault little Bessie Hanson during the absence of her parents. Hanson returned just in time to see the brute and arrested the brute. At the station, while awaiting a train for the city, Larson knocked the constable down and started to run. Hanson fired two shots, one entering Larson's head. He died at the city hospital this morning.

SECOND COUSIN OF HIS WIFE.

Brawner Playfully Pointed a Pistol at Tompkins—He Didn't Know It Was Loaded.

Meridian, Miss., December 24.—(Special)—One of the most deplorable accidents in the history of Meridian was the killing of Will H. Tompkins by his best friend, Asa B. Brawner, at 3:45 this morning at the residence of Mr. Thomas H. Woods, Jr., in the western part of the city. A party of serenaders, after having previously entertained other friends with songs and music, stopped at the residence of Thomas H. Woods, Jr., and played several pieces. Woods invited them into the house to partake of a little spread which was soon prepared. In seating themselves at the table each of the party laid his revolver upon the table. After the supper Brawner picked up his revolver and remarked that it was out of order and would not work. Replacing the cartridges he placed the unloaded pistol back on the table.

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The Constitution at the Exposition.

The Constitution is at home to its friends on the exposition grounds at its office on the north side of the grounds. It is located in front of the great iron stairs which stand at the foot of the big terrace stairway that leads from the Government building to the Manufactures and Woman's buildings. Representatives of both the business and social world are here, and are constantly on duty in the building and will give a hearty welcome to all callers, whether on business or not. Telephone 847.

A Merry Christmas.

We doubt if Atlanta has ever seen such a whirl of Christmas shopping as that which has been taking the town by storm during the past two or three weeks. Warm or cold, wet or dry, the streets have presented a vast panorama of humanity, as novel as it was interesting.

To a thoughtful observer the spectacle presented was both curious and engaging. For several days it seemed that at any given point in the center of the city the whole town, men, women, children and visitors, was passing in review—an imposing procession, brilliant with color and warmth with life.

It was an endless procession, too, flowing back and forth from morning until far into the night and giving to the streets a gayety far surpassing that which the flashy show windows of the stores strive to impart to it. The gaiety of the show windows frequently goes beyond the simplicity that marks good taste, just as the individual does in the matter of dress. But in the aggregation of humanity that has been flowing through the thoroughfares of the city the individual is lost sight of and the most glaring colors combine to make the general effect gay and pleasing, and to lend warmth to the scene.

Besides, who could be heartless enough to measure by artistic rules a crowd of Christmas shoppers. The coldest and most unfeeling atoms of humanity must, of necessity, sympathize deeply with the pushing, struggling mob of fellow mortals who are going about with the intent and purpose of making some one happy.

It is not for nothing, be assured, that these men, women and little children have tamely submitted to the buffets of the crowd, the contempt of the clerks in the stores and the sun glare of the street car conductors.

Bless your soul, it is Christmas, and those who have lived to see their own youth reproduced around their hearths—stones, or who have not outlived the sympathy and sentiment of youth, are willing to make many sacrifices for the happiness of others. But, after all, the shopping business has its mercenary side, and we would not dwell on it to the exclusion of other thoughts that come crowding into the mind.

First among these is the suggestion that not all the little children in this town will be happy today unless Santa Claus has annexed a larger strip of territory than usual. He is a dear old fellow, and we wouldn't say a word against him for the world, but it is well known that he has a knack of avoiding those houses where the winds whistle through the clapboards and where the rain and snow is likely to sift through the shingles. Old Santa has a warm heart, but he dearly loves a warm heart, too. Wherefore it often happens that the little children who live in houses where the roofs leak and the heart is cold hang up their little stockings in vain.

These little ones, thank-heaven, have won the love and moved the pity of Christ our Lord, to the end that who-ever adds one mite to their pleasure or drives away their misery for one brief hour becomes the beneficiary of those blessings that the Lord alone can bestow. Let us hope that in the whirl and bustle of gayety common to the day these facts will not be forgotten by well-to-do people who live in the shadows of churches.

After all, it is the children's day. It is meet and fitting that these innocent little ones should be foremost in blessing the birthday of the Prince of Peace,

who, while He was on earth, singled them out for his special blessing. The day is also for those who, in the midst of the cares of business, in the struggle for existence, have managed to retain the hearts of children.

It was not to the rich and powerful that our Savior ministered when He was on earth. From these He seemed to hold Himself aloof. When a rich man came to Him seeking light the command was to dispose of his earthly possessions and follow the Lord—a command hard to obey. But our Savior was the poorest of the poor, so fast as a lack of this world's goods go to make poverty. The birds of the air have nests and the foxes have holes in the ground, but the Son of Man, the Light of the World, had not where to lay His head. If any condition of man ought to be consecrated in the eyes of a Christian people, it is that of poverty; and especially at Christmas time should an effort be made to relieve the distress of the poor, the unfortunate and the miserable.

Beautiful is the season and happy the day. But somehow, in the midst of the merriment, old memories will intrude. Among the stockings that were hung by the chimney last Christmas some were missing last night, so that through the noise of the happy laughter and patterning feet a note of sorrow softly steals like faint echo of far-off music. And then, while the joyous confusion is at its height, the absent little ones take the shape of dream children and glide shyly into their old places, not a whit older than they were when Christ our Lord took them to His merciful bosom.

Is it an illusion? Why are not our waking dreams as real as reality? What if our dream children—wiser than the wisest, having been face to face with the glory of our Lord—place their little hands in ours, lean gently against us and smile when they hear the shouts of the others at play? Out of grief grows sorrow, and out of sorrow the sacred joy of remembrance. When the other children have grown up away from us, these dream children will remain the same, ever young and always beautiful.

This is striking a sad note on the holiday harp? It ought not to be sad, but lest it be so interpreted, we hasten to wish each and all a merry Christmas, with all the happiness that comes from making others happy!

Uncle Sam's Christmas Gift.
The action of the senate in unanimously passing Senator Hill's bill relieving ex-confederates of the disability which barred them out from official positions in the army and navy will be heartily endorsed by the nation and warmly appreciated here in the south.

The vote in the senate was unanimous and a similar result may be expected in the republican house.

This is Uncle Sam's Christmas gift to his sons who thirty years ago were in arms against him. We have always believed that this would come sooner or later. We have had an abiding confidence in the genuine Americanism, patriotism and magnanimity of our northern brethren, and we have expected them, at the proper time, to voluntarily render this just tribute to the men who wore the gray.

Nothing more significant has ever happened in the history of our country. It is the voice of the nation solemnly declaring that the ex-confederates are brave and loyal Americans, whose valor is a part of our national heritage. It means that the last vestige of the old war issues is wiped out forever, and it proclaims to all the world the fact that the men who fought for the south a generation ago are now the trusted and honored sons of the republic, whose swords will be relied upon to defend our flag and maintain the honor and dignity of a reunited country.

This act of grace has been long delayed, but it comes at the right time—at a time when we desire to show the world that every American stands ready to answer his country's call.

The last disability upon the old confederates will now be removed, and there will be nothing more to divide the men who opposed one another thirty years ago than there is to divide the descendants of the Englishmen who fought in the "wars of the roses."

It is the best of all Christmas gifts, because it means that henceforth all Americans are brothers!

The Usual Result.

The great street car strike in Philadelphia is over, and the strikers have accepted the terms offered by the company.

The strike lasted seven days, and caused a loss of \$2,000,000 to the company, its employees and the merchants of the city. Nineteen hundred men now find their places supplied by new hands, and those who get reinstated will have to go to work as "trippers" or extra men. They have also lost their week's wages, and they enter the Christmas holidays penniless and without regular employment. It might also be said that the lawlessness and bloodshed caused by the strike will for a long time to come handicap and injure the prospects of the misguided men who shared the responsibility.

When the workingmen of the country learn that a strike is their worst possible remedy—when they learn that it always costs them their wages and sometimes their jobs, and that it interferes with their chances of getting regular work, they will be on the road to prosperity. We say prosperity, because in this country contented and reliable labor will always reap its reward, except during our occasional periods of hard times, when all classes suffer.

Our great corporations are composed of men who started out as tollers, and they have no desire to oppress their employees. If the latter have a grievous boy-

all they have to do is to state it, and public opinion will be on their side so long as they are patient and reasonable. Under such circumstances no corporation will long hold off against the just demands of its men. But a strike is an act of war. It stirs up strife and prevents a satisfactory settlement, and angers the public. As a rule it is more disastrous to the strikers than to anybody else.

A Voice from Wall Street.

We present herewith some interesting remarks from The Financial News, the leading Wall street publication. It will be seen that even in that region there are men who are still able to perceive how beneficial to our whole country would be the application of a common-sense policy to the present financial situation:

The course of the administration has placed the country in a very peculiar position. It is compelled to spend to defend, to injure and contract the currency of the country and increase the demand for gold, with only the result of influencing its shipment abroad. The revenues have been decreased so that there is still a naturally increasing deficiency in the government's expenses.

The gold in the treasury is steadily being absorbed, and if the much-talked-of parity of all our moneys is to be upheld, there certainly will have to be a bond issue to supply the demand. A further issue of bonds, of course, would be looked upon as a certain way of legislation, but it appears that it will be practically a necessity if Mr. Cleveland's policy is to be upheld.

Wall street men who have contracts made largely in gold will likely insist upon this policy, but we believe that if the government continues to insist upon paying out coin silver for its obligations and let gold go to a premium, this premium would be small, and simply result in providing to be an additional tariff on goods imported, and directly bring us so much additional revenue on that which we mine and ship abroad.

The government has an ample silver seigniorage, which it could coin without cost, and which would supply it with all the money it would need for any ordinary deficiency that might arise in the next two years.

This is indeed a wise voice to be lifted up in Wall street. We have no idea that it will be heeded. On the contrary, selfishness, greed and ignorance will combine to continue the futile effort to uphold the British gold standard; so that in stead of suspending gold payments in a natural way, the suspension will be enforced. Perhaps it is necessary to teach the blind to see and the deaf to hear.

The College Professor Heard From.

The Boston Herald is getting ready to throw the Monroe doctrine overboard. It has heard from a number of college professors and begins to doubt whether we have any rights that should be respected. Our contemporary says:

The authorities of Harvard have been placed on this subject, but have come against the theory laid down in President Cleveland's message. Professor Woolsey, the instructor of international law at Yale, states that the president "is ill advised," and that the policy he is adopting "is not that of many of the best informed." Professor von Holst, the author of the best history on the constitutional development of the United States, has ever been written, and at present the professor of international law at the University of Chicago, has said of the president's message: "It is not the Monroe doctrine that is dictatorial, pure and simple. By no license of reasoning short of willful misconception and misstatement can the Monroe doctrine be made applicable to the controversy. By no principle or practice of international law is the United States entitled to the position." The president Cleveland advocates. The president and Secretary Olney have nothing as a basis for their illegitimate doctrine. I condemn their utterances as a public disgrace and a calamity."

Professor Moore, Instructor in International Law, Columbia University, former assistant secretary of state under Mr. Blaine, says that he believes that "England's position in regard to the boundary of Venezuela is the right one, and that the sentiment that has been aroused in America is an almost insane one."

We are not aware that the college professors constitute a branch of our government. A matter of national policy like the Monroe doctrine is a question to be decided by the president and congress. But it is not likely that the college professors are unanimous. Professor McMaster, of the University of Pennsylvania, takes Mr. Cleveland's view of the Monroe doctrine, and his fame as a historian should give weight to his opinion.

Let us get ready for a year of business, of progress and of prosperity!

A Revival of Americanism.

The New York Mail and Express is a stalwart republican newspaper and its policy in the past has been so extreme that it has generally been classed among the south haters.

But now its tone is different. In a recent editorial it says:

A bill has been introduced in the senate to remove the disability of confederate veterans for service in the army and navy of the United States. This measure, if passed, would a few years ago have raised a howl of protest, but with the exception of those who rejoice, or profess to rejoice, in the obliteration of sectionalism. We do not believe such legislation should be enacted without due deliberation, and this the senate evidently means to exercise, but the bill probably will be passed, and its fate will depend on how it is received by the public.

It is significant that the bill comes from the desk of a northern senator, and one who hails from the state that is to witness next year the greatest American trial of all time. The country wants that the country has yet seen. The general cementing of fraternal relations that the closing year records gracefully opens the way to the removal of this confederate disability and leads to an acceptance of the principles by the popular masses. We do not believe that the bill will be passed, but with the exception of those who rejoice, or profess to rejoice, in the obliteration of sectionalism. We do not believe such legislation should be enacted without due deliberation, and this the senate evidently means to exercise, but the bill probably will be passed, and its fate will depend on how it is received by the public.

It is a fact that ought to be borne in mind by our farmers that the British fiscal policy which has forced us to the south through the blockade of the Atlantic is the same as it is for the benefit of the bankers and money lenders. While it has had an effect on the home mills that was not bargained for, it has accomplished all that was expected in the cotton industries of India and Egypt. Though the gold price of silver has fallen so low that the farmers of the south cannot afford to raise an average crop, the silver price has remained the same as it was when silver was worth \$1.20 in gold.

Consequently the Indian and Egyptian growers receive just as high a price for their cotton as they did twenty years ago, and under this stimulus are constantly enlarging the area of cotton production. The facts presented by the American show why the growers

in silver using countries can afford to increase their cotton acreage and how the southern farmers are robbed by the British gold standard.

How To Enjoy the Holidays.

In Kentucky the shogun and the pilot have already begun their holiday work. Five murders occurred in that state last Monday.

Almost every year Christmas week furnishes a black record of drunkenness and violence, but it is to be hoped that a better showing will be made during the next few days. In our present advanced stage of civilization public opinion and the law should prevent the excesses, the orgies and the murders which have so frequently disgraced us in the past.

In a land of churches and schools it is hard to understand why the lawless elements of society should be permitted to turn our great religious festival into a murderous carnival. At a time when the spirit of Christ should rule the hour when the general sentiment should be peace on earth, good will to men—it is passing strange that the reckless or ruffianly classes of every community should be allowed to load themselves down with firewater and firearms and terrorize their peaceful neighbors.

Why not turn over a new leaf and make this an ideal Christmas? There are better holiday toys than the hip-pocket pistol—better sources of inspiration than the bottle. The man whose thoughtful kindness brings a smile to the faces of the little ones around him; whose generosity brightens some poor widow's cottage; whose Christmas charity finds expression in a timely and substantial shape, will get far more enjoyment out of his Christmas than will be experienced by the wild reveller who gives himself up to his appetite and his passions.

The birthday of our Savior should be observed in the manner which will be in thorough accord with His gentle teachings. This is suggested by our conscience and our judgment, and if we are dominated by this idea we cannot go wrong. Let us have a sober, peaceful, merry Christmas!

A Brighter Outlook.

During the year now drawing to a close the country has more than held its own.

Many great interests in different sections have made a distinct advance, and there are many thousands more people employed now than a year ago. Here in the south the cotton mill industry has made rapid progress, and, thanks to rigid and enforced economy, the people are more nearly out of debt than they ever were before. The Atlanta exposition has advertised this region and made its resources known throughout the world, and it is generally conceded that it will cause immigration and capital to turn in this direction.

The flurry in the New York stock market caused by the president's Venezuelan message is practically over, and while some unexpected developments may change the aspect of affairs, we should look on the bright side and go ahead with the determination to make the most of our present opportunities. Undoubtedly the outlook is more promising than it was last Christmas. This in itself is encouraging, and it is probable that times will grow better from now on. Nobody need worry over the possibility of war. It is not likely that there will be any such termination of our controversy with England. The two countries will never come to blows while there is a possibility of a peaceful settlement of their differences.

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IF WAR SHOULD COME.

From The Louisville Courier Journal. England is suffering quite as much as we. Our stocks and bonds are thrown back on our hands, yet we shall get them at our own price, and foreign investors must stand the loss. Should we go to war—which we all devoutly hope we shall not—our chief foreign markets for our cotton and wheat, our bacon and corn, will be closed to us; but we shall be unable to turn to our own exorbitant prices to make up the loss. We shall have to pay the cost of shipping our cotton and wheat to Europe, and the cost of shipping our bacon and corn to America.

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Today's Programme.
11 to 11:30 o'clock—Christmas concert.
11 to 12 o'clock—Boys' race for medal, baseball and bat.
11 to 12 o'clock—Concert by Fifth Regiment band and orchestra and band stand.
2 to 2:15 p.m.—Concert and exhibition in front of Le Van acrobatic performance.
2:30 to 3 p.m.—Marvelous feat of mid-air performance by Le Van brothers. "The greatest acrobats in the world" will be passing each other in mid air; \$5.00 is offered to any competitor who will undertake thisfeat.
3 p.m.—Day fireworks.
3 p.m.—Life saving crew.
3:30 p.m.—Distribution and scrambling for baseball by the boys.
4:30 p.m.—Second performance by Le Van brothers.
4 to 5 p.m.—Concert on plaza.
5:30 p.m.—Grand pyrotechnic display by Pain Fireworks Company. Greatest ever given in America.
Grand parade, Midway after fireworks.
Many tall, electric building and Plant building open until late at night.

Now dawns the most memorable day in the history of the exposition.

This morning one hundred thousand people will surge through the turnstiles in tribute to President Charles A. Collier.

In every respect Collier day will eclipse all other days that have gone before. To-night the officers and directors of the exposition company will lie down in pleasant sleep assured that the financial burden of the exposition has been lifted and every problem of debt solved.

The committee of three hundred appointed several days ago by the advertising committee will meet to-morrow afternoon. Every part of the city was canvassed. Not a citizen escaped, and a comparison of the reports last night showed that nearly fifty thousand tickets had already been disposed of. Many of those to whom the tickets were sent bought them up and sent into the exposition company checks for the amount due.

The pyrotechnics will present an attractive appearance this morning. The place will be a gay Christmas scene. Yesterday an extra force of men were placed at work and every part of the ground placed in perfect order. In all of the buildings decorators were at work and mletoites and bands were heard in the sound of preparation about the exhibits. In the agricultural building a special preparation has been made to entertain the Christmas crowds by the Seaboard Air-Line railway.

Yesterday morning two car loads of evergreen came in from South Carolina. They were gathered on the plantation of Mr. L. H. H. Kossatz, who has made arrangements made about the Seaboard Air-Line exhibit yesterday. This exhibit occupies about five thousand feet of space in the agricultural hall and the evergreens twining about the huge stone pillars make the effect most artistic. Trees of holly have been massed together at the entrance of the exhibit in places in such a way as to make a tall arch of evergreens.

This of course is only one of the exhibits decorated and possibly the most striking of the other roads, however, and many private exhibitors have imported large quantities of evergreens and everywhere the buildings present a happy holiday appearance.

Those who have the state buildings in charge are preparing to give their visitors a warm welcome. In the New York building a huge yule log will blaze forth and a

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VISITS WASHINGTON.

Mr. Morgan in Consultation With the Powers That Be.

IF BONDS ARE TO BE ISSUED

We Will Relieve the Government—Confidence Is Restored to That Extent.

New York, December 24.—Stocks ruled higher today, and a feeling of confidence prevailed in financial circles. Purchases on a large scale were made both for the long and short account, under which prices scored gains, ranging from 1 to 5 per cent. This further gain was due to the general belief that Mr. Morgan's visit to Washington is for the purpose of consulting with the powers that be in case by any chance measures for the relief of the treasury should fail to meet with congressional approval.

Another important influence at work was the scarcity of cash of money. No demand was made on the clearing house loan committee for certificates, and none is likely for unless the unexpected happens. An important factor which made for improvement was the comparatively light engagements for shipment to Europe tomorrow. Less than \$2,000,000 was engaged. It is to be said, however, that the panic standard, and this led to more or less buying of certificates. The result was an advance in prices ranging anywhere from 1% to 4% per cent. Rock Island sold up to 4%, Consolidated Gas 4%, Sugar 3%, Tobacco 4%, Bay State Oil 3%, Canada 3%, Big Four 3%, Burlington and Quincy 2%, Chicago & North Western 2%, St. Paul 3%, Delaware and Hudson 4%, Lake Shore 2%, Iowa Central preferred 3%, Lake Erie and Western preferred 2%, Louisville and Nashville 2%, Manhattan 2%, Minneapolis and St. Louis preferred 2%, Mississ. & Pac. 2%, New Lead preferred 2%, Pullman 2%, Southern Rail preferred 2%, Omaha 2 and Omaha preferred 4%. In the final transactions there was some disposition to realize profits and a reaction of 3% to 3% per cent followed. Union Pacific was steady and for 4% to 5% per cent. Speculation closed firm. Net earnings show gains of 4% to 6% per cent. Delaware and Hudson, the Grangers and Industrials leading.

Total sales were 339,194 shares, aggregating 45,300 Sugar, 34,700 St. Paul, 19,300 Chicago Gas and 18,800 Tobacco.

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Treasury balances: Coin, \$2,962,282; currency, \$101,405,708.

Mortgage call at 5%, last loan at 5, closed off at 5, prime mercantile paper 4% to 5% per cent.

Bar silver 50¢. Mexican dollars 52¢.

Sterling exchange strong with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.88 to \$4.85 for 60 days and \$4.85 to \$4.80 for demand; post office rates \$4.84 to \$4.91. Commercial bills 4.85%.

Government bonds weak.

State bonds quiet.

Railroad bonds firm.

Silver at the board was dull.

London, December 24.—Bar silver 20 7/8; consols 105%; for both money and account; Paris advises 3% per cent rents 103% for the account of the day.

The following is the range of cotton futures in New York today.

MONTHS	Opening	Highest	Lowest	Today's Close	Yesterday's Close
December	7.89	7.89	7.86	7.86-88	7.80-81
January	7.93	7.93	7.90	7.90-92	7.87-89
February	8.02	7.91	7.90-95	7.97-99	7.97-99
March	8.00	8.07	8.02	8.04-05	8.04-05
April	8.05	8.10	8.05	8.08-10	8.08-10
May	8.11	8.17	8.07	8.11-12	8.13-14
June	8.15	8.22	8.15	8.18-19	8.18-19
July	8.17	8.22	8.17	8.18-19	8.18-19
August	8.17	8.25	8.17	8.19-20	8.20-21
September	8.17	8.25	8.17	8.19-20	8.19-20
October	8.18	8.28	8.18	8.20-21	8.20-21

Closed quiet and steady: sales 160,000 bales.

The following is a statement of the consolidated net receipts, exports, and stock at the ports:

RECEIPT	EXPORTS	STOCKS
1895. 1894.	1895. 1894.	1895. 1894.
Saturday... 54975 56000	37200 34900	127100 121188
Monday... 67177 68400	29085 28085	1065204 1277446
Wednesday... 67177 68400	29085 28085	1065204 1277446

The following are the closing quotations of future cotton in New Orleans today:

Month	July	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
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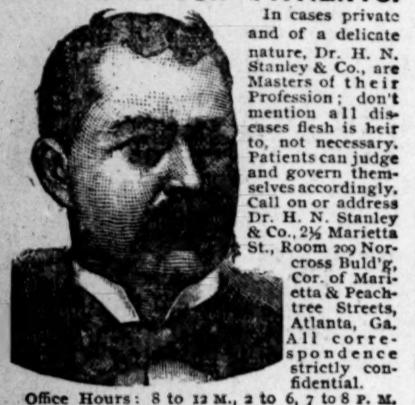
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the Department—Today May See Several Blazes.

While the rest of the world rejoices today and tomorrow, it will be a sad season for the fire insurance men.

Christmas week they are all on the streets bending and it is with uneasiness that they spend the days that others enjoy. While the fire cracker explodes in the hand of the youth many parents will be as much delighted with it as the boys themselves, but not so with the fire insurance men.

They have a right to be uneasy on Christmas day, when the fire insurance people have worked for the whole year may all go up in smoke. This is the feeling of the majority of the fire insurance men.

However, they can rest at ease. Cap

Joyner and his band of fire laddies did

their Christmas Monday and while

the fire crackers pop, they will remain in

the department houses and be ready to

move even quicker than on any other occasion.

This is the critical part of the year with

all fire insurance men. And as

there is more fire in the during Christ-

mas week, mostly they will be some-

what uneasy. However, nearly all of the offices are going to close up for the day.

The men will be given the entire day and

the night to rest.

"We are going to have on a full force,"

said the chief, "and if a fire breaks out

you can find us there. I say let us be

ready, have the fun school their fire

crackers. Christmas comes but once a

year, so let them enjoy themselves. I

never thought I ever enjoyed myself and

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